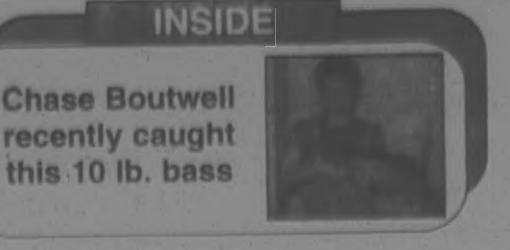


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Elba Lions serve pancakes



The Elba Lions Club hosted its annual pancake day Saturday, March 1, at the Elba Senior Citizens Center, and despite rainy weather, there was a good turnout of folks ready to be served pancakes and sausage for breakfast. The annual pancake breakfast serves as the main fund raising event for the Elba Lions Club each year, and the money is used assist various projects and organizations throughout the community. Since the 2002 pancake day, the Elba Lions Club supported several organizations to include: Alabama Sight Conservation, \$500; Camp Seale Harris, \$1,000; Southeast Leader Dog School, \$400; Alabama Diabetes Association, \$200; Local sight projects (eye exams/glasses for 14 Elba residents), \$1,484; Elba DARE program, \$300; and Elba Boy Scout Troop 37, \$100. As shown above, Elba Lion member Rex Boutwell served as the officially pancake flipper last Saturday as his partner Harold Johnson served the sausage. Assisting the Lions Club members throughout the morning were the young men from the local Boy Scout troop.

New Brockton Town Council gives thumbs up to police department following internal investigation

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, March 3, and found an executive session to be the most lengthy discussion of the night.

Council members entered the executive session to discuss personnel within the police department, and approximately one hour later returned to render its decision from the discussion.

Council member Ron McMonagle said the council had completed its investigation of the police department, and was satisfied with the improvements that have been made. He added that the council is also satisfied with police chief Jerry Gilbert, and he has the council's full support.

McMonagle offered a motion to that regard, and with a second from council member Vicki Harrison, it was approved by a unanimous vote.

The council stressed that it is 100 percent behind the police chief and the police department.

With that said, Gilbert thanked the council for its vote of confidence.

In regards to an ongoing discussion about fund raising for the Town of New Brockton, council member Johnnie Herron said a letter had been drafted to the attorney general to see if the council members, as elected officials, can spearhead such an event.

Due to this step in procedure, Herron said all dates dealing with this event have been canceled until an opinion is received from the attorney general.

Mayor Charles Cole informed council members that a resolution needed to be approved to send the letter forward to the attorney general. Therefore, Harrison offered a motion to accept the resolution, and with a second from Herron, the motion was approved.

It can take anywhere from 60-90 days to receive an opinion from the attorney general on this matter.

Council members approved a new burn ordinance to supple-

ment the Fire Prevention and Protection section in the Code of Ordinances for the Town of New Brockton.

According to the ordinance, the purposes include: a) To prevent injury, property damage and nuisances from the burning of materials within the town limits of New Brockton; b) To establish requirement to obtain burning permit prior to burning within the town limits; c) To set procedures and fees for obtaining burning permit.

This new ordinance became effective upon its approval during the council meeting Monday evening in which it was passed by a unanimous vote.

Anyone wishing to burn within the town limits can apply for a permit from the New Brockton Fire Chief or his designee, and the application can be obtained from the town clerk. The person granted the permit must have it with him/her at the time of the permitted burning. There are some instances when a burn permit will not be issued, and the fire chief has the authority to revoke any permit.

The council set a fee of \$5 to be paid to the town clerk for each permit at the time of application.

The next meeting for the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday (TONIGHT), March 6, at 7 p.m. at the central office in Elba. The public is invited to attend.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will sponsor a Legislative Breakfast Friday, March 7, beginning at 7 a.m. at the First Baptist Church social hall in Elba. Rep. Terry Spicer and Sen. Jimmy Hickey will speak.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, March 10, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

NEW SEASONS' STUDY CLUB will sponsor the 2003 Miss Elba pageant Saturday, March 15, 6 p.m., at the Elba High School auditorium. An admission will be charged.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold kindergarten registration Friday, March 21, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Another registration will be held Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please bring birth certificate, social security card and a photo card for each child.

Eight people arrested in Elba on drug charges

The recent "crackdown" on methamphetamine by local police agencies continued last week in Elba when officers with the Elba Police Department were assisted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department Tuesday, Feb. 25, in serving warrants at a residence on Smith Avenue.

Officers had received information pertaining to the manufacture of methamphetamine at the residence and obtained a warrant to search the location. Leading the investigation were investigator Tony Harrison and officer Austin Redmon of the Elba Police Department along with investigator Mark Anderson and deputy Lance Tindol of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Upon arriving at the residence located at 1450 Smith Ave., officers were able to detect the odor of methamphetamine coming from the house. They entered the home and found a lab in production. Six individuals were found in the residence including a 13-year-old female who was actually in the bathroom where the lab was set up. She was immediately removed from the location.

According to investigator Harrison, Joel Thomas Wilson, age 32, of Brundidge, was attempting to destroy the lab when the officers arrived.

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These drugs and paraphernalia were found by officers inside the Veit home, located on Smith Avenue.

Veit tried to resist arrest and suffered minor injuries. He was transported to Elba General Hospital where he received treatment and was released back into the custody of officer Redmon.

The search of the residence resulted in officers finding powder methamphetamine, marijuana, numerous torches and lighters, smoking devices and a shotgun along with the meth lab components.

William Veit, age 36, was arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance I, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is currently being held in the Coffee County Jail under a \$92,000 bond.

Loretta Veit, age 40, was arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance I, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She is currently out of jail on a \$92,000 bond.

Wilson was arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance I, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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County residents encouraged to pay delinquent solid waste collection bills

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Solid Waste Department currently is working to clean up its billing system as the department encourages county residents to pay up on those delinquent accounts.

"Approved a resolution for a grant with the Department of Transportation. This will include sidewalks and landscaping along Hwy. 84 and two city streets.

"Approved a motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$5,051.04, and McIlwain suggested that the town start looking at building a rainy day fund.

"Received an update concerning youth baseball in which Mayor Cole said recreation board members indicate that baseball will be played in New Brockton this year. He said the baseball season will begin following the end of softball season.

Also, he said work is set to continue on the additional field with plans to get the poles, lights and fence completed, as well as, get part of the grass area prepared for parking.

The next meeting for the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

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the county commission recently has begun talking about other means of enticing the residents to pay their delinquent accounts.

"The commission is talking about publishing the names of those who are delinquent in the local newspaper," he said. "After all, we are talking about the taxpayers money, and these people are forcing those who pay their bills to ultimately have to pay more."

Since the commission first began talking about printing these names, McIlwain said his office has received several calls from residents wanting to catch their bill up. Also, he said he realizes that some residents are just slow to pay and will eventually take care of the bill.

"We've had a good response recently, but we need a better response," he said.

Only those residents who

CHURCH & AREA NEWS



THE SAINT BEULAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will present the George Washington Carver High School Concert Choir of Montgomery, Ala. in concert. The program will be presented on March 16, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary. The Carver High School Concert Choir is the recipient of many hours and awards. Recently at the National Peanut Festival Choral competition in Dothan, the choir will earn superior ratings and **gold** Best of Festival. Presently, the choir is preparing for its annual spring concert tour. This year the choir will tour the eastern coast with performances primarily in New York.

For the past thirteen years, Henry Howard Terry has conducted the Carver High School Concert Choir. Henry Terry is a native of Elba and a 1982 graduate of Elba High School. Terry holds degrees from Alabama State University and Auburn University at Montgomery. The public has a cordial invitation to attend this open door program. For additional information, contact the church office at 347-7743.

Gospel Singing to be held at Mt. Pisgah Church of God



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The Cains of DeFunia Springs, Fla. and the Good News Quartet of Opp, Ala. will be in concert at Mt. Pisgah Church of God on Saturday.

BBQ Benefit to be held for Clarence Marrow

A BBQ Benefit will be held Saturday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Kinston High School Lunchroom. 1st come 1st serve.

All proceeds will go to a cancer patient Clarence Marrow, brother of Marty James.

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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Martha Copes, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Phillip Copes, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Phillip Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Martha Sosa, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Martha Baker, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Mon. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 12:00 noon

1st, 3rd, 5th & 6th Sundays

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Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Study 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Mon. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Mon. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Study 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.

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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.

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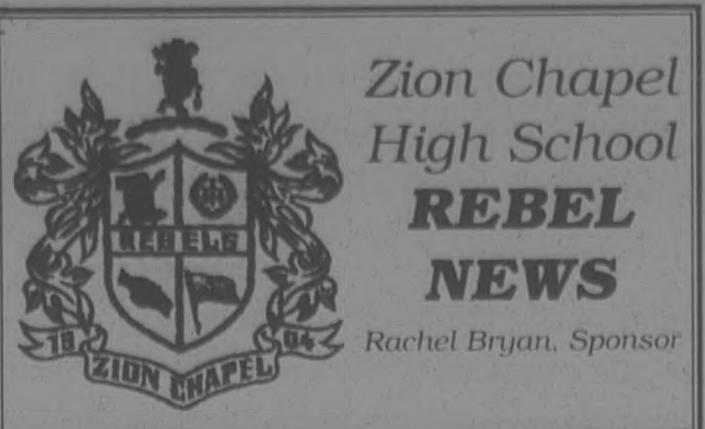
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SCHOOL NEWS



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Zion Chapel students compete in annual math tournament at LBW

On February 7, Zion Chapel participated in the 34th Annual Math Tournament, sponsored by LBW Community College, the Andalusia Rotary Club, and the Andalusia Kiwanis Club.

Ashley Wambles, Tracy Banks, Nicky Paez, and Jonah Edmondson, along with sponsor Lori McCrory, arrived at LBW Community College at 8:30 for registration and the General Assembly.

The students were then assigned to rooms where they would take a written examination.

After this students were allowed to relax. Pool, Ping Pong, TV, and food were offered to the participants.

At 10:45 the Ciphering round began. Each school could

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SAFE School continues to be successful for Coffee County Schools

Supporting Alternatives for Education is a program funded through a Children's First Grant with the Support of Coffee County Children's Policy Council. People who work and attend classes call it SAFE School. Coffee County's SAFE School has been honored by the Department of Children's Affairs in Montgomery as Best Practices in the State. Dr. Linda Ingram, superintendent, and Mrs. Rebecca Hardiman, Coordinator, gave a presentation in Birmingham last Thursday about SAFE School in Coffee County.

Since the program, Supporting Alternatives for Education, has begun, 72 students have completed a term; 2 terms have been completed; 80 semester credits have been awarded; 26 students are currently enrolled; 7 school have been served; 17 teachers have been employed; 7 guidance



Mrs. Rebecca Hardiman, SAFE School coordinator, is pictured with Russ Young, Kinston Chief of Police, and Mrs. Rachel Bryan who teaches social studies on Thursday nights.

Zion Chapel develops best BattleBot for exhibition

Josh Richards, Andy Kelley, and Jared Flowers, members of Zion Chapel's FFA, had the best BattleBot at the BattleBot IQ Exhibition Match held on the MacArthur Campus of the LBW Community College recently.

The team, which is led by Agriculture Instructor John McCrory, named their entry RebelBot I.

BattleBots IQ is a competitive physics curriculum developed by the creators of BattleBots, the popular television show seen on the Comedy Central channel. This curriculum aligns with the goals of the Tech Prep program, to introduce high school students to hands-on, technically-based curriculum. Because of the fact, the Tech Prep program of the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College awarded \$10,000 in federal funds to two area high schools to support the purchase of curriculum materials, electronics and robotics kits, robotics materials, and travel funds to compete in the national BattleBot IQ competition.

In addition to the technical aspects of building a robot, high school students also learn other facets of team participation, such as communication. Tech Prep Specialist Donna Stokes of MacArthur serves as communications advisor to the high school teams, insuring that the teams communicate with the community regarding their robot-building activities.

The purpose of the Exhibition match that was held in late February was to give the students an opportunity to practice robot maneuverability against their opponent. Hazard areas, such as killswaps, as seen on the BattleBots television show, were simulated by a marked-off area, but the actual hazard was not present so that the students' robots would not be damaged before the national competition in April.



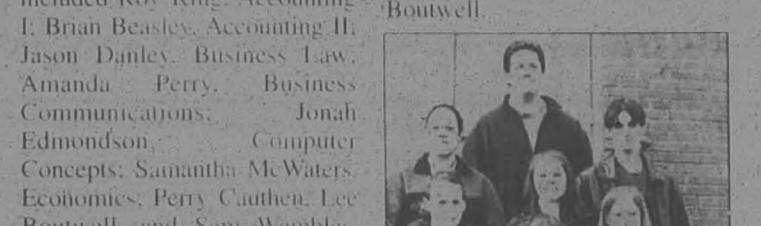
Those pictured with the BattleBot include (from left): Andy Kelley, Josh Richards, Mr. John McCrory and Jared Flowers.

FBLA students win medals

Thirty-three of Zion Chapel's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) brought home medals from the Alabama South Region Conference held on the last Saturday in February. They competed in a variety of competitions based on classes from the Alabama Career/Technical Business curriculum. The competition was for both Middle and Senior Level chapters.

Stacy Williams and Jennifer Taylor won a gold medal for their PowerPoint presentation on the activities the Middle Level Chapter Hayes Vaughan, Jenna Mobley, Frances North, and Samantha Brown won a silver medal for their Officer Installation Ceremony. Zion Chapel Middle Level Chapter was awarded a plaque for being the largest Middle Level Chapter in District IV.

In the Senior Level Competitions, six finalists were named for each competition. These six students will compete at the Alabama State Conference, which will be held on April 2-3, 2003, in Birmingham. The finalists included Roy King, Accounting II; Jason Daniels, Business Law; Amanda Perry, Business Communications; Jonah Edmondson, Computer Concepts; Samantha McWaters, Economics; Perez Cauchie, Lee Boutwell, and Sam Wambles, Entrepreneurship; Brandon Arnold, Future Business Leader; Keri Flowers, FBLA principles and Procedures; Rosanna Johnson, Introduction to Business; Shaun Ellis, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Tracy Banks and Nicky Paez, Desktop Publishing; Ashley Wambles, Job Interview; Clay Lewis, Networking Concepts; Kristen McLendon, Jeremy Sanders, Michael Sneed, Melanie Ellis, Clay Lewis, and Lee Boatwell.



Those pictured include: Brandon Arnold, Sam Wambles, Rosanna Johnson, Ashley Wambles, Amanda Perry, Jason Danley, Perez Cauchie and Lee Boatwell.

three class of English on Thursday night. Social studies held with just one class on Tuesday night.

This year there is just one class per night but on some nights more than one teacher is called in because of other activities that are provided. For example, the computer lab has Pace software, which is a teaching/computation program. Many students who need remediation for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam come into the Center for that remediation.

Classes begin at 4 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. Coffee County Deputy Donnie Farris is the Director of Security for the program. He and officers from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the police

ZE participated in job shadowing

Zion Chapel, in cooperation with the South Central Alabama Tech-Prep Consortium, participated in the 2003 Groundhog Day Job Shadow Day career project. The purpose of the project is to help students understand today's job market and the opportunities available to them in the workplace.

At Zion Chapel the project is conducted with eighth grade students to satisfy a part of the career preparedness competencies included in the Career/Technical Curriculum Core class. All eighth graders take this class.

The third part of the presentation had to describe a typical day for the worker including the hours worked and the duties involved. The job responsibilities, the co-workers, the supervisors, and the equipment used had to be included.

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Those pictured include: Kristen McLendon, Michael Sneed, Melanie Perry, Michael Sneed, Jeremy Sanders and Lashonda Cole.

Mrs. Tami Crosby teaches science at the SAFE Center

departments in Elba. These officers are employed by the program and work during their off-duty nights.

Elba High School held a special program Friday morning, Feb. 28, as the 2003 D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation ceremony was held honoring the sixth grade students.

Each year, these students participate in the D.A.R.E. program to help develop awareness of drug abuse and resistance before entering their high school years of education.

Alabama State Trooper Johnny Senn was the guest speaker for the graduation ceremony, and he encouraged the students to set their goals and work to achieve them.

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Those pictured include: Samantha Brown, Frances North, Jenna Mobley, Stacy Williams, Jennifer Taylor and Hayes Vaughan.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants held Feb. 15 in Elba



BABY MISS (from left)...Hannah Arnold, first runner up; Baylie Smith, 2003 Baby Tri-County Sweetheart; and Madison Harrison, second runner up.



TOT MISS (from left)...Haley Cook, first runner up; Brianna Moore, 2003 Tot Tri-County Sweetheart; and Alex Dawson, second runner up.



LITTLE MISS (from left)...Caitlin Cooper, first runner up; Brooke Weeks, 2003 Little Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Brinley Williams, second runner up.

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Studios

ZCES announces
second grading
period honor roll

A First Grade: Jencie Allen, Kahla Allen, Tyler Beckworth, Darren Blocker, Megan Brumbaugh, Ketees Fillingim, Hillary Goodson, Virginia Green, Kailly Jemigan, Candace Kelley, Alex Ketcham, Dakota Leverett, Brooke Manning, Aharon McCollough, Heidi McLeod, Melissa Money, Carolyn Napper, Whitney Rugg, Sheldon Sanders, Dalton Sikes and Hunter Snow.

Second Grade: Heather Brunson, Gage Cowart, Blake Lewis, Dylan Mobley, Allyson Senn, Heather Whitworth and Stephanie Williams.

Third Grade: Lawson Amlong, Josh Baldwin, P.J. Benton, Ashleigh DeSandro, Nicole Faulk, Huey Green, Samantha Giroud, Charis Little, Kirsten Liprot, Courtney Napper, Cheyenne Nelson, Nikki Nelson, Paris Sanders, Noah Sanders, Markele Senn, Dakota Shackelford, Caleb Walden and Zack Ward.

Fourth Grade: Erin Dismukes, Kayla Hurd and Vanessa Nelson.

Fifth Grade: Tanner Grant, Nicole Holloway and Josh Richards.

A-B First Grade: Travis Black, Jeremy Bowwell, Michael DeSandro, Katie Downing, Richard Foulk, Clint Flowers, Terri Flowers, Blake Furr, Cody Gibson, Brittany Hill, Thomas Hobbs, Katerina Jinnight, Veronica Kidd, Brooke Ledford, Damon Nelson, Ryan Nelson, Emily Pouncey, Terri Sheets, Shelly Sorrells, Jessie Tolbert and Cory Wise.

Second Grade: Brittany Acreman, Alex Anderson, Brandon Cardwell, Shelby Cochran, Mickey Cox, Fischer Crowell, Leah Donaldson, Hannah Goodson, Bradley Jaraman, Ethan Lott, Tonya Owens, Sierra Parker, Myaha Peterson, Timothy Reeves, Kennedy Sanders, Gavin Shackelford, Nigel Shaw, Matthew Winters and Shelly Vinsos.

Third Grade: Mercedes Bell, Ryan Berry, Kyle Boswell, Brian Cobb, Megan Cox, Ashton Dean, Stephanie Denius, Samson Dismukes, Paul Gibson, Julia Harelle, Vladik Khoussainov, Zach Leverett, Rebecca Martin, Shelby McCollough, Amy McWaters, Kyle Messina, Gina Miley, Cassandra Nelson, Sage Peterson, Amber Powell, Ryan Roberts, Kelsey Sanders and Morgan Senn.

Fourth Grade: Brandon Barnhill, Will Bedsole, Kelli Behrens, Shelby Boswell, Hillarie Davis, Hayden Ellis, Paige Gibson, Kenny Hussey, Faith Kishman, Brandon Liprot, Shelly Maxie, Amelia Petry, Kayla Peeler, Shadra Rudolph and Derrick Sanders.

Fifth Grade: Dillon Davis, Hillary Davis, Aaron Grant, Tara Howe, Logan Leverett, Beth Long, Landan Peters, Dillon Roberts, Cynthia Spears, Garrett Simson and Lance Walden.

B Sarah Allen, Jessie Brunson, Matthew Buchanan, Bo Collins, Michelle Downing, Aspen Grimes, Kayla Hall, Jordan Jones, Camden Kelley, Slade Nalley, Tyler Sawyer and Alex Spear.



MINI MISS (from left)...Cortlin Lee, first runner up; Taylor Parks, 2003 Mini Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Kristina Dorsey, second runner up.



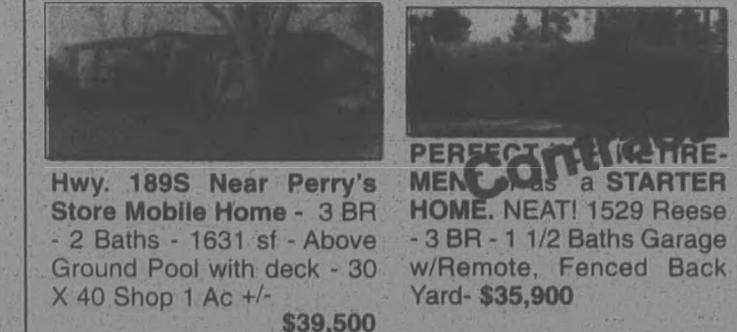
JUNIOR MISS (from left)...Monica Wilford, first runner up; Kayleigh Watson, 2003 Junior Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Summer Parker, second runner up.



MISS TRI-COUNTY (from left)...Pamela Wilson, first runner up; Hannah Stewart, 2003 Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Shana Hudson, second runner up.

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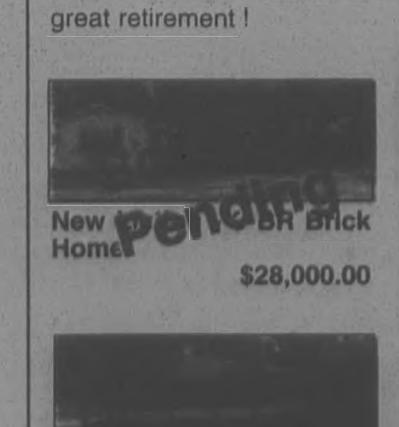
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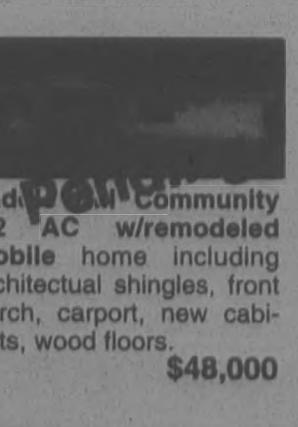
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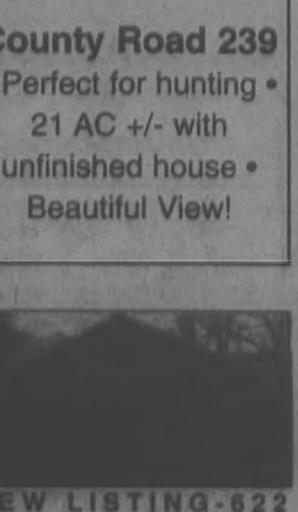
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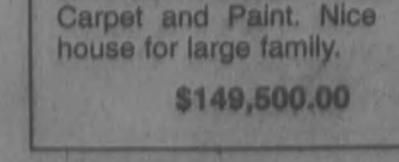
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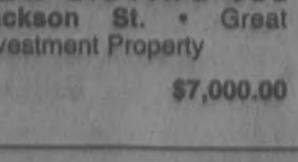
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This is a free service sponsored by AARP Foundation and the IRS, who also provide computers and professional tax software for the Tax Aide Program. Volunteers are trained and must pass an IRS exam every year.

Although most seniors don't have W-2's for earned income, they have a variety of pension plans, IRA's, bank interest, and middle-income taxpayers as time permits.

The AARP Tax Aide office is open on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. during the tax filing season. Call ahead of time to make an appointment - 897-3019.

Tax Aide Volunteers not only must be knowledgeable about tax laws and tax software, but must also possess the ability to

Elba Elementary Book Fair scheduled for March 3-14

A book fair is being held at Elba Elementary School March 3-14 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. A special parent night will be Monday, March 10, from 5-7:30 p.m. This is the regular PTO meeting at 6 p.m. as well. All parents and the community are invited to shop with students on this evening. All proceeds from the book fair will be used to make improvements to the library.

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Alabamians seeking college aid for the 2003-2004 school year should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible. The FAFSA is used to apply for most need-based state, federal and institutional student aid programs.

Students who file the FAFSA online will get their results 7 to 14 days faster than those who file by mail. Because answers are edited automatically, they will make fewer mistakes and schools will be able to tell them sooner if they qualify for student aid. Students who plan to apply online should get a personal identification number (PIN) as soon as possible. With a PIN, students will be processed even more quickly. To apply for a PIN, visit www.pin.ed.gov.

Parents and students should gather the information needed for their federal tax forms or complete a federal tax form before submitting the FAFSA. The information is used to calculate a student's expected family contribution (EFC), which determines eligibility for federal student aid programs and the Alabama Student Assistance Program Grant. Colleges also use the EFC to determine if students qualify for need-based grants from the schools.

Students can also file a paper FAFSA, available from high school guidance offices and college financial offices. For more information about Alabama Student Loan Program-KHEAA programs and services, write to Alabama Student Loan Program-KHEAA, 100 North Union Street, Suite 308, Montgomery, AL 36104-3762; call toll free (800)721-9720; fax (334)265-9750; email lkiser@kheaa.com; or visit www.alstudenaid.com.

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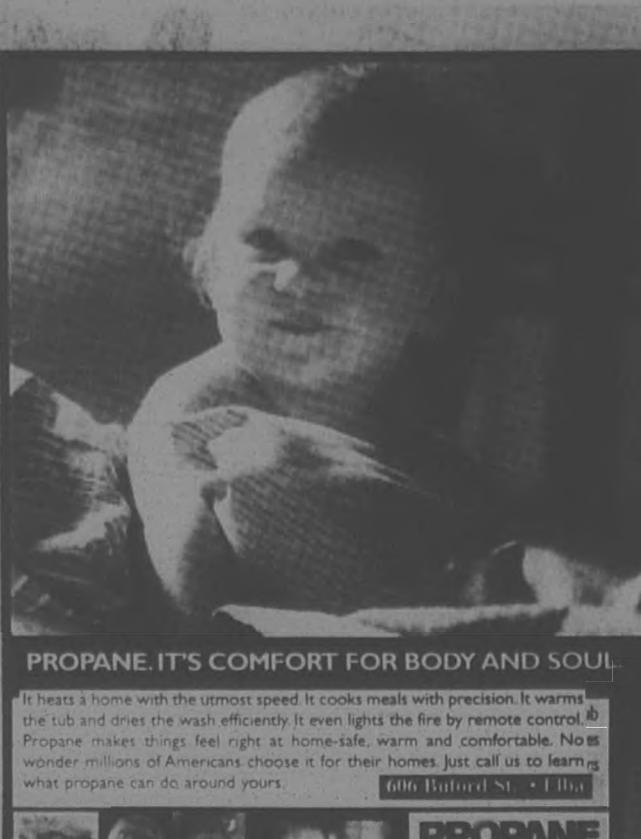
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Levi Strauss did every parent in the world a huge favor many years ago when he invented blue jeans. At the Mularz house it makes no difference if it is sunny or rainy, if it is hot or cold, the girls are guaranteed a pair of clean jeans and head out to school. I will admit their blouses get a bit expensive at times, and they have a few pairs of jeans that made the checkbook take a deep breath. However, at least the jeans are durable, easy to wash and match just about anything. Believe me, there are very few fashion statements made by the girls at our house.

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation sent four All-Star teams to the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's District Basketball Tournaments last weekend, and while two of the teams were eliminated with opening round losses, two other teams earned wins and one team won the tournament and earned a berth at the state tournament. The girls all stars and boys 10 and under all-stars both lost in opening round play, but the boys 12 and under team defeated Troy before being ousted by Enterprise, and the boys 14 and under team claimed three straight wins to win the district title and earn a state tournament berth. The 14 year-old boys had only eight players on their roster and had to play three games of the five games played in their tournament, but some how managed to save enough energy to defeat Geneva, Troy and Enterprise to claim the tourney title. It marked the first time in ten years that Elba team has won a district tournament, and the 14 and under team and all the Elba all-stars are to be commended for their outstanding play.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers opened the softball season last week with a big win down in Kinston, and the Lady Tigers' main weapon was freshman pitcher Stephanie Baxley. Baxley tossed a two-hitter with 13 strike-outs in leading Elba to the win, and overcame eight walks and two hit batters to claim the season opening win on the rubber. The Lady Tigers were also effective at the plate with several big hits, and after only 4 games it looks like Elba's girls are off to a great start where they left off last season, and make a run at the state tournament.

*** The state high school basketball tournament was held last week in Birmingham and it wasn't such a good week for area teams as only Calhoun was able to bring home a state championship. The Samson Lady Tigers saw a nine-point fourth quarter lead vanish in an opening round loss to eventual state 2A champ Pisgah, while Abbeville's girls fell in the state 3A finals to Lauderdale County. The state championship tournament has evolved into one of the top high events anywhere in the nation, and is truly the place to be for any high school basketball fan.

*** The SEC basketball tournament will be held next week at the Super Dome in New Orleans and both Alabama and Auburn need to win the tournament to have any shot at making it to the NCAA tournament. Both teams have faltered down the stretch and have played their way out of the national tournament, but while Auburn probably exceeded its own expectations, the Crimson Tide was picked to win the conference after returning last year's SEC champs almost in tact and being ranked #1 in the nation early in the season. Look for Coach Mark Gottfried to clean house on his staff in an effort to put the blame for the Tide's failure on someone else, and then start next season on the hot seat himself. Chiffford has no concerns at Auburn except to get better, but at Bama the same definitely can't be said.

*** In closing...while the play on the basketball courts around the area was top notch over the weekend at the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's District Basketball Tournaments, the lack of sportsmanship in the bleachers left a great deal to be desired. The police had to be called to the Elba High gym on opening night to help control the fans in one team that was so wild it even required a fight break in the parking lot at Geneva, and a fight almost happened in the parking lot at Andalusia. It is great that parents support their children and cheer for them at sporting events. However, at the games last weekend the fans often stole the show from the players and resulted in the players paying more attention to "Mom and Dad" than their own play on the court. It has become expected and almost acceptable for fans to berate officials at all sporting events, but last weekend it was disheartening to hear fans from one team actually make fun of players from other teams in an effort to harass the youngsters. I only hope some of the players don't learn the true meaning of sportsmanship and fair play from their parents. If they do, sports is on a fast track to an untimely end and the true meaning of sportsmanship in athletics will be dead for future generations of youngsters that just want to compete and have fun. Believe it or not, it could happen!

Post three straight wins

Elba All-Stars win district basketball title

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba 14 and Under Boys All-Stars past three opponents without a loss last weekend to win the championship of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Basketball Tournament.

The All-Stars opened the tournament event with a 60-49 win over Geneva, then defeated Troy 72-37 and Enterprise 46-37 to claim the tournament title.

"We're not the most talented team in the tournament," said All-Star coach Ricky Mularz.

"But I honestly believe we played harder than any team in the tournament and gave it all we had every second of every quarter. On Saturday we played Troy at 12:45 in the semifinals and then had to turn around at 3:15 and play Enterprise in the championship game. All the players were tired and a couple got banged up, but the game never ended, even though we only dressed out seven players; they all did what they had to do and became the first team from Elba to win a basketball championship in a R.P.A. in ten years.

It was just a special happening for a group of kids that practiced hard and carried that spirit into the game."

Following are highlights of the All-Stars' three wins:

ELBA 60

GENEVA 49

The Elba All-Stars pulled out an early lead and then pulled away late to defeat Troy 72-37 in semifinal action. Jordan Flowers scored nine points in the opening stanza to help the All-Stars jump out to an early 16-8 lead, while Jauan Starks poured in 10 second quarter points and Chafin Johnson drilled a long three-pointer as Elba went in at the half with a big 34-19 lead. Jordan Flowers scored 12 points in the third quarter as Elba began to pull away and opened up a 58-30 advantage, and the All-Stars cruised in the final stanza to claim the easy 72-37 win.

Jauan Starks scored 28 points and Jordan Flowers added 26 to lead Elba, while Lucas scored 10 points to lead Troy.

ELBA (72): Flowers 26, Johnson 6, Simmons 4, Graham 6, Starks 28.

TROY (37): Stringer 5, Allen 1, Duhse 6, Maddox 6, Salter 1.

Elba 12 and under All-Stars place third at district basketball tournament

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A three-pointer by Jordan McBride sparked the All-Stars in the third quarter as Elba pulled even at 18-18, while in the final stanza Gavin Flowers poured in seven points and Richard Cooks added 4 to spark a rally that gave the All-Stars the 34-30 win.

Gavin Flowers scored 14 points and Jordan McBride added 12 to lead Elba, while Feagin scored 15 points to lead Troy.

ELBA (34): McBride 12, Bullard 1, Flowers 14, Cooks 4, Hill 1, Phillips 2.

TROY (30): Feagin 15, Howard 5, Hawking 2, Sudhak 2, Davenport 2, Jones 2, Wilson 2.

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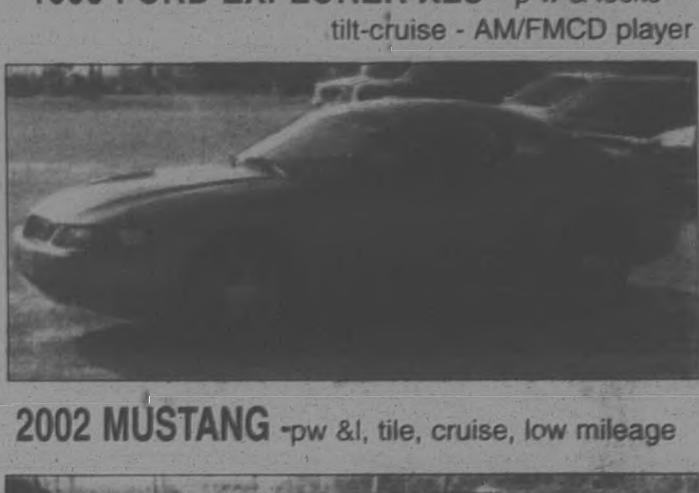
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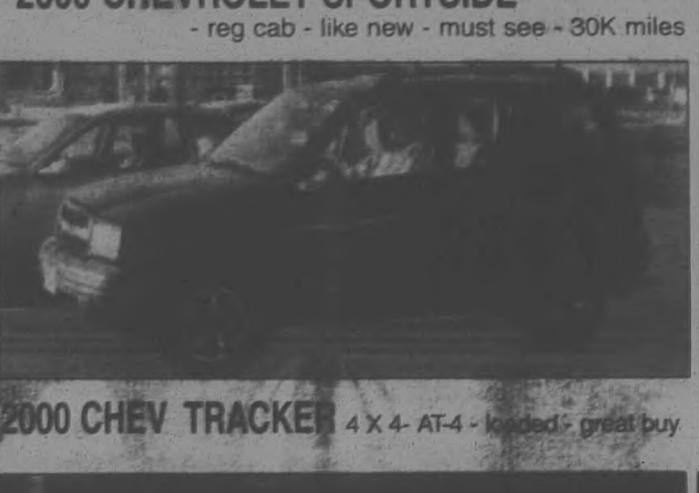
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